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In Tokyo, a Symbol Haunted by Past Tojo and Mishima Guide Opponents in Tug-of-War

By David E. Sanger
Tokyo — Forty-five years ago, General Hideki Tojo stood defiantly in the cavernous main hall of the Imperial Army Headquarters...



Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 pro-democracy movement, with members of his family after being released Wednesday by Chinese authorities.

China Frees 2, Hoping to Appease U.S.

By Lena H. Sun
BEIJING — Sneeping up its campaign to impress the new American administration, China released from prison on Wednesday two student leaders who figured prominently in the movement for democratic change...

prompted more than a million people to take to the streets of Beijing in peaceful demonstrations nearly four years ago. Asked whether he would continue fighting for democracy on behalf of China's political prisoners...

White House Is Bracing For Attacks On Tax Hikes

Legislators Say Calls Are Running Heavily Against Proposed Levies
By Thomas L. Friedman
WASHINGTON — The early congressional reaction to President Bill Clinton's economic proposals split along party lines on Wednesday...

UN Halts Aid, Bosnia Calls It 'Blackmail'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia accused the United Nations on Wednesday of engaging in "blackmail of the rich against the poor" after UN officials suspended relief operations in the former Yugoslav republic.

"I wonder if this decision has the support of the countries which gave this help," he said. "The UNHCR is not the giver of this aid. This is given by the countries who contributed money for this. I don't know whether Mrs. Ogata has this right."

Announcing the suspension of relief operations, Mrs. Ogata said: "While our efforts have been directed at the victims of this brutal conflict, all parties have been mixing politics with humanitarian relief. The political leaders on all sides have made a mockery of our efforts, and I deeply regret that their behavior has obliged me to take this decision."



THROWING STONES — A youth on the attack Wednesday near Jerusalem. Fighting worsened in South Lebanon. Page 2.

Sweden's Navy Gets Shoot-to-Kill Order

By Barry James
DEFENSE MINISTER Anders Björck of Sweden announced a tough policy against intruding foreign submarines Wednesday, saying naval forces would fire newly designed torpedoes without warning against any vessel coming closer than three nautical miles from the coast.

In Spain, Immigrants Work the Plain

By Alan Riding
EL EJIDO, Spain — Thanks to drip-feed irrigation and plastic-covered greenhouses, the arid coastal plain of Almería has been turned into a farming El Dorado that supplies northern Europe with winter fruit and vegetables and earns \$500 million a year in the process.

responsible for rising unemployment. "They're not taking jobs from Spaniards," said Jesús Ferrón, an Almería health official. "They're doing jobs Spaniards don't want."

amnesty program under which working papers were given to 130,000 illegal immigrants, over half of them Moroccans. In the Almería region, some 4,000 foreign farm laborers, again mainly Moroccans, were given the right to work.

Labor Party Gives In on Maastricht

Opposition Labor Party legislators in Britain on Wednesday voted against renewing their efforts to derail ratification of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

White Wine, Heartthrob

NEW YORK — White wine, too, benefits the heart when consumed in moderation, researchers report. Earlier studies found that a glass or two of red wine a day reduced the risk of a heart attack, and the new research indicates for the first time that white wine may be just as beneficial.

Table with financial data including Dow Jones, Trib Index, and The Dollar exchange rates.

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POLITICAL NOTES

It's a Wonderful Life — Or So Clinton Wishes

NEW YORK — You may catch a whiff of Ronald Reagan in President Bill Clinton's direct approach to the television audience, or a touch of Ross Perot in the president's display of colorfully doleful charts, but his public introduction of the administration's economic prescriptions owes even more to the spirit of Frank Capra.

In the radio talks, the video "town hall" meeting and the brief television address that led up to the message to Congress on Wednesday night, he took the role — familiar from so many Capra movies — of the young, idealistic outsider calling for the support of solid middle-class Americans in his challenge to high-priced lobbyists (who ever heard of a low-priced one?), special interests (or an unspecial one?), status-quo pots and other "defenders of decline."

On Monday night, you could practically hear the us-against-them speeches of James Stewart and Gary Cooper as the youthful-looking president pleaded, "We're all in this together" and perorated with an evocation of patriotism and the Almighty. All that was missing was a small boy looking on, aglow with admiration.

That is not to take away from the performance. Mr. Clinton is proving himself a more sophisticated politician than the Capra heroes and a more adept teacher than recent presidents and aspirants.

It is by now evident that the president finds no rewards in going out of his way to encounter the national news media. "We don't see the world the same way," he said last week. What he may have meant was that more professional, less respectful interviewers might harp on the campaign promises that have gone by the way or the awkward start to his presidency, and might press harder for details of his plans.

As for the voters themselves, it is useful to remember that Frank Capra's movies carry an ambiguous message. Although happy endings were invariably imposed, with the ordinary Joes and James doing the right thing by the honest young hero, the more interesting and unsettling parts of the better scripts showed how quickly the citizenry could turn into a mob, how fickle, frightened and prone to manipulation people could be.

Well, Mr. Clinton is showing himself to be no mean persuader. If the polls indicate that the nation is readier for more reality than has been asked of it by recent leaders, that is in part a tribute to the talent and theatrical know-how the president is bringing to his case. (NYT)

Strategic Microphone Catches an Outburst

WASHINGTON — President Clinton lost his temper with a junior aide when a misuse over seating threatened to mar a photo session with Washington construction workers that had been designed to help publicize his economic plan.

Dressed in blue jeans, a leather jacket and cowboy boots, the president had set out for a noontime visit with workers on a public works project in Northeast Washington. The goal was to show Mr. Clinton selling his plan to "real people."

But complications set in when Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly of Washington and Eleanor Holmes Norton, District of Columbia delegate to the House of Representatives, showed up unexpectedly. A young aide tried to keep them from joining the group on the porch. This prompted an outburst from Mr. Clinton, who was apparently horrified that the two Democratic dignitaries might be offended.

"Listen, goddammit, come here," Mr. Clinton told the advance man, pulling him toward the screen of a front-yard shrub. "You can't bring me out here with the mayor and the congressman, and push them back."

Because Mr. Clinton had been equipped with a wireless microphone so reporters could listen in on his chat, the beginning of his exchange with the aide was broadcast over loudspeakers in the White House press room. Aides quickly cut off the audio feed when they realized what was happening. (LAT)

Quote-Unquote

Representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa: "Patriotism and economics form strange bedfellows. One can make a national-interest case for sacrifice, one can make a common-sense case for sacrifice, but patriotism is when you risk your life, not when you risk your wallet." (NYT)

Away From Politics

- A University of Minnesota psychiatry professor has been indicted on federal charges that he faked research on a drug used to treat obsessive-compulsive patients. The professor, Barry Garfunkel, has also been charged with mail fraud and falsifying documents in studies he conducted for Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals, which was unaware of the falsifications, according to the indictment.
- Three contiguous pieces of the Berlin Wall have been reassembled on the grounds of CIA headquarters at Langley, Virginia. They were brought there to serve as a monument to the West's fight against communism and as a tribute to the people of Eastern Europe who sought to bring the wall down.
- A Pentagon report on a sexual harassment scandal involving assaults and misconduct at a 1991 convention of naval aviators in Las Vegas will not be released until a navy secretary is appointed by President Bill Clinton and "is available to deal with it," the Pentagon has said. That means it could be weeks before the results of the study, conducted by the Pentagon's deputy inspector-general, Derek Vander Schaaf, are made public.
- The Navaho Indian tribe's former chairman, Peter MacDonald, has been sentenced by a U.S. judge in Phoenix, Arizona, to 14 years and 7 months in prison for his part in a 1989 riot in which two people were killed and six injured.
- A Texas oilman has apparently surfaced as a new bidder for The New York Post, amid indications that a bankruptcy judge may be encouraging other prospective buyers to come forward. The bidder, William Martin Waggoner, president of a privately owned Irving, Texas, company, the WTW Oil Co., has made an offer for the newspaper, said his lawyer, Bruce Hochstetler.
- A Philadelphia schoolteacher is suing his former wife for part of a \$10.2 million lottery prize she claimed the day after the couple's divorce was finalized. John Micoofsky, 50, says he is entitled to some of the money that Maryann Kulpa won when she cashed in a year-old New Jersey lottery ticket on Jan. 20. Ms. Kulpa, 46, said she found the year-old ticket in a drawer just nine days before it would have expired. (AP, NYT, UPI)



Hillary Rodham Clinton and Representative Robert H. Michel taking questions at a meeting on the health-care proposal.

The New Health Plan Is Looking Taxing

By Robert Pear, New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Administration officials are considering two dozen new taxes to raise the \$30 billion to \$90 billion a year that the White House estimates it will cost to carry out President Bill Clinton's campaign promise of guaranteeing health care for all Americans.

The taxes being considered are in addition to those Mr. Clinton seeks in his plan to stimulate the economy and reduce the federal budget deficit, administration officials said.

Confidential work papers from the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform, which is headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton, show that the administration is considering taxes on insurance premiums, corporate health benefits, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and guns, among other possible sources of revenue for health care.

White House officials emphasized that no decisions had been made. But the work papers show that the program that Mrs. Clinton and her aides are contemplating would be bigger

than any U.S. government program created in the last 50 years.

"Reforming the health-care system will involve government-led changes on a scale not attempted since Social Security," according to one memorandum. "People are calling for massive change, yet their support for individual plans is very weak."

The memorandum from the staff of Mrs. Clinton's task force says the administration is determined to provide "universal access to affordable high-quality health care for all Americans."

"Depending on definitions and program structure," it says, "universal access could mean \$30 billion or \$90 billion of additional annual expenditure by the government by 1997."

By comparison, Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, cost the government \$129 billion in the last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30; Medicaid, the program for low-income people, cost \$68 billion.

According to the memorandum, businesses, not government, would realize most of the savings generated by cost controls under Mr. Clinton's plan. But it says the government could "recapture" some of these savings to pay for expanding access to health care and perhaps help reduce the budget deficit.

In his election campaign last year, Mr. Clinton said U.S. businesses could be more productive and competitive if their employees' health costs were not rising so rapidly. Now it appears that businesses might not be allowed to keep all the savings but might have to pay a portion to the government in new taxes.

The memorandum also says that President and Mrs. Clinton see a need to impose cost controls on the health-care industry without waiting for Congress to revamp the health system.

The memo says the administration wants to "tighten voluntary controls on the health-care industry." But just in case doctors do not volunteer, it says the administration is seeking ways to extend Medicare rate regulation to private insurance systems.

A Slippery Slope For 'Patriotism'?

Clinton's Use of the Term in Seeking Support on Economy Could Backfire

By Thomas L. Friedman, New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — In telling Americans that it is their patriotic duty to support his economic program, President Bill Clinton is trying to redefine "patriotism" from pulling together to face a mortal

wage jobs are causes of concern for many Americans — but how many would kill or die for them?

In a way, Mr. Clinton is trying out a new post-Cold War political vocabulary, Mr. Leach said. The president is saying that the government gets involved abroad, in places such as Somalia or the Balkans, out of "compassion," he said, while it raises taxes out of "patriotism."

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threat abroad to paying higher taxes to face an economic threat at home.

This is both a high-risk political strategy and an experiment in the politics of mobilizing mass opinion after the Cold War. The biggest risk to Mr. Clinton is that the public might respond as it did when former President Jimmy Carter declared his energy conservation program to be "the moral equivalent of war." Most Americans found the notion so overstated that they scoffed at it, undermining his whole initiative.

In this case, although many can understand an appeal for bipartisan support for an economic plan, they may balk at the notion that it is their patriotic duty to pay higher taxes.

"Patriotism and economics form strange bedfellows," said Representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa. "One can make a national-interest case for sacrifice, one can make a common-sense case for sacrifice, but patriotism is when you risk your life, not when you risk your wallet."

Mr. Clinton's approach is an experiment based on the assumptions that, with the Cold War over and with the United States no longer facing any overriding military threat, its patriotic energy can be harnessed to confront an economic "enemy" that is seen and measured mostly on charts and graphs, as opposed to a "Red menace" or Nazi storm troopers. The budget deficit, health-care reform and low-

Another danger in appealing to patriotism to support his economic measures is that Mr. Clinton could be courting more division than solidarity. Those who oppose his program on economic or philosophical grounds will not take kindly to being labeled as unpatriotic.

If the debate really sharpens, it might be particularly ticklish for Mr. Clinton, who in his election campaign defended his opposition to the Vietnam War in the 1960s and early 1970s as a product of his own idea of patriotism.

When Mr. Carter used the language of war to try to get Americans to accept a program of stringent conservation measures, higher energy prices and penalties for waste, his plan soon died. A public that may have been ready to do so for something the president had unilaterally decided was its "moral equivalent."

The big difference between now and 1977, said Jody Powell, who was President Carter's spokesman, "is that when we used 'the moral equivalent of war,' only about three people in the country believed that energy was such a big problem. A lot of smart-mouthed Washington pundits dismissed it, until oil prices started quadrupling."

Now, on the other hand, Mr. Powell said, "Most Americans believe that we have a big problem with the economy, that we need to pull together."

Hamas Agents in U.S. and U.K. Aid Terrorists, Israel Asserts

By Judith Miller, New York Times Service

RAMALLAH, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — Israeli officials say an Arab-American arrested in Israel last month has provided information suggesting that Hamas, the Palestinian group that has attacked Israelis and Palestinians, has drawn financial support and political and military guidance from agents in the United States.

Security officials involved in the questioning of the agent, Mohammed Abdel-Hamid Salah, say he also told them that he had been sent by senior Hamas figures in London and the United States to help rebuild the organization, which was hobbled by Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians in December.

Israel said at the time that it had evidence that the deportees were linked to Hamas, though a few were later brought back to Israel because of misidentification.

The trip in January, the Israeli officials said, followed an earlier one that Mr. Salah said he made last year on orders from a man in London, whom he described as Hamas's military chief. His instructions, Mr. Salah said, were to build a military structure for Hamas for "positive works."

"It's a code term," Mr. Salah told an interrogator, according to notes of the session provided by Israelis. "Killing your enemy is positive. And on the telephone, that's how they can talk about it."

Israeli officials said that based on the statements attributed to Mr. Salah, they believe he is a senior figure in Hamas's military wing.

The reports were presented by Israeli officials in part to counter skepticism in the United States, and even in Israel, of the Israeli assertion that Hamas has an important base in the United States. Israel wants Washington to step up scrutiny of Hamas contacts and to ease its criticism of Israel's crackdown on Palestinians.

into groups that Israel had linked to Hamas. Two weeks ago, American officials said they believed that support for Hamas was limited to fund-raising, but an official said Tuesday that such a conclusion might be premature.

Mr. Salah, a 39-year-old used-car salesman from Bridgeview, Illinois, was arrested Jan. 25 with another Arab-American from the Chicago area, Mohammed Iona Hani Jarad, 36, who is also suspected of siding with Hamas. Neither has been charged with a crime, but both are being held in a high-security prison in Ramallah.

A third Arab-American, Mohammed Tawfik Hajjaj, 32, from Richmond, Virginia, was also arrested on Jan. 25 but has been freed. Israeli officials said his case was not connected to that of Mr. Jarad and Mr. Salah. Mr. Hajjaj said after his release that he had been beaten during his interrogation.

The government has denied that the three men were mistreated and said Mr. Salah's description of his links to Hamas was not coerced.

But Ahlam Haddad, his lawyer, says that Mr. Salah denies any involvement with Hamas and that the statements attributed to him were obtained under pressure.

"He told me he was pressured into signing a confession in Hebrew, which he does not understand," the lawyer said. She added that he had not been tortured, but had been subjected to "intense interrogation for three days and nights without sleep" and had been "questioned with his hands tied behind his back."

Mr. Jarad's attorney, Girwad Boulos, also said his client had no connection with Hamas.

In laying out what they said was evidence of an American connection to Hamas, Israeli officials said a substantial amount of money flowed from Arabs and Muslims in the United States to groups in the West Bank and Gaza. They acknowledged that most of this money supported community and religious activities, but said some was siphoned off to pay for violent action by Hamas.

In an interview, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin estimated that about \$30 million a year in Hamas financing came from the United States. He said that much of the money was Iranian in origin, but that U.S. banks were being used as conduits.



HOMeward BOUND — A U.S. Marine trying his hand at wind sailing Wednesday on a runway at the Mogadishu airport. Most of the 19,000 American troops engaged in the massive humanitarian effort in Somalia will be returning to the United States in the next few months.

TAXES: White House Bracing for Onslaught Against Its Economic Plan

(Continued from page 1)

New Jersey, said his office had received "an overwhelming volume of calls that are resistant to the plan."

"A lot of the calls are from the seniors who are worried about their ability to withstand an illness should Medicare cuts influence their benefits," Mr. Lautenberg said. "They are also worried about the cost of higher energy prices."

But the Senate majority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, predicted that the Clinton plan would ultimately be well-received by the American people, and he vowed to cooperate with the president to secure speedy enactment.

Mr. Mitchell added, though, that it would be unrealistic to assume that even the Democratic-run House and Senate would not seek some changes in the package.

At his daily press briefing, the House speaker, Thomas S. Foley of Washington, tried to deftly sidestep the question, blaming skewed press coverage on the perception that Mr. Clinton was going to raise taxes on middle-income people without seriously cutting spending.

But when Mr. Foley was asked if House Democrats would be able to run successfully on the economic package in 1994, he answered: "I'm not sure what the answer to that is yet."

Morris W. Offit, chairman of Offitbank, a Wall Street investment bank, said that in his view the "the country will go along with a tax view the only gets one shot."

additional "Mrs. Clinton tax," six months or one year down the road.

"People will be ready to sacrifice to cut the deficit and reduce any unfairness in the tax system — and that is what Mr. Clinton is talking about," he said. "But I don't think the country is going to be ready to pay again later for the sort of social programs that Mrs. Clinton seems to represent."

More Pieces of the Plan

The economic program prepared for presentation to Congress, in what was widely regarded as the defining act of Mr. Clinton's young presidency, asks for higher taxes on most households and businesses now, against a promise of better times ahead, according to reports from Washington.

Having made the economy the centerpiece of his campaign, Mr. Clinton was proposing in a State of the Union Address to Congress on Wednesday night a package that contained a \$31 billion stimulus plan in the short run and a far-reaching, four-year \$300 billion package of tax increases and spending cuts.

It was the most important speech on the economy by a president since Ronald Reagan's address in February 1981 in which he laid out a package of tax cuts and defense-spending increases, starting an era of huge, chronic budget deficits. Mr. Clinton intended his address to be a compass for an administration heading in the other direction.

Perhaps the most far-reaching proposal was a broad-based energy tax, based on the heat content of fuels, affecting oil, gasoline, natural gas, electricity, coal and fuel alcohol.

energy tax to generate \$71.4 billion in new revenue between 1994 and 1998.

In the realm of personal income taxes, Mr. Clinton was proposing to raise the top rate to 36 percent, from 31 percent, on families with taxable incomes — after deductions — of \$140,000 or more and individuals earning \$115,000 or more.

The White House calculated that the income tax increase would raise new revenues of \$126.3 billion by the end of 1998.

The new taxes would affect many more taxpayers than the "top 2 percent" Mr. Clinton said would bear the burden during the campaign, when he proposed raising the tax rate on couples earning more than \$200,000 and individuals earning more than \$150,000.

The White House spokesman, George Stephanopoulos, said Tuesday that "under 10 percent of the total population will be bearing 70 percent of the burden," while families with incomes of less than \$30,000 would generally be unaffected.

Similarly, the "millionaire's surtax" Mr. Clinton proposed during the campaign is expected to become a 10 percent surtax on people earning more than \$250,000 annually.

Mr. Clinton was also proposing an increase in the corporate tax rate to 36 percent, from 34 percent. That proposal helps Mr. Clinton say that he is calling on business to share the burden, but many business leaders argue that it is at odds with his goal of spurring economic growth.

Mr. Clinton and his advisers put special stress on the deficit-reduction aspects of the plan, which would cut \$140 billion from the projected deficit in fiscal 1997, leaving a \$206.5 billion shortfall that year. (AP, WP)

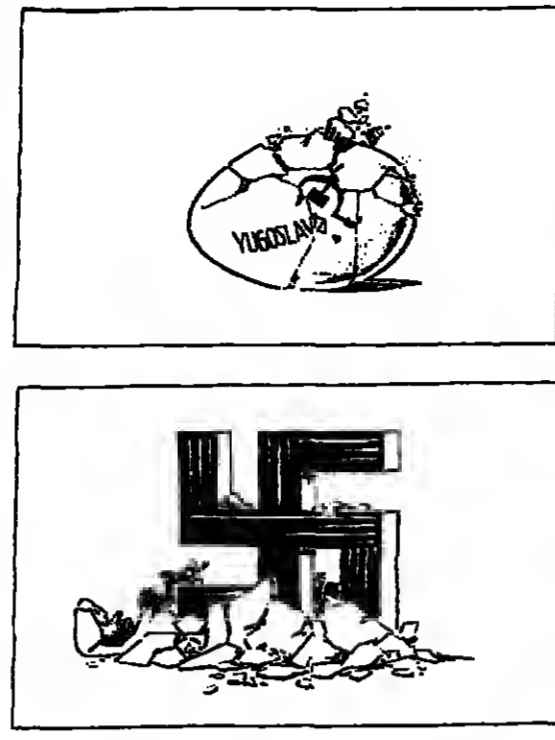
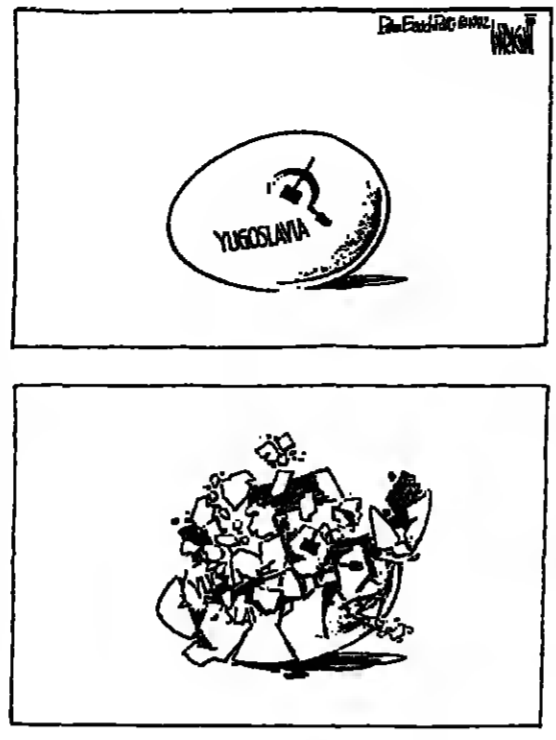
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OPINION

Take Notes, Class, So You Can Grade the Teacher

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — Teachers are described as people who never say anything once. Bill Clinton, true to the modern notion of the president as national tutor, has embarked on a sustained seminar to teach America that the "change" it voted for means, and that deficit reduction entails substantial tax increases. Millions in the electronic classroom may be skeptical.



Tips for All Those Whiners From a Compleat Tightwad

By Amy Dacyczyn

LEEDS, Maine — For the last decade or so, we have heard a common complaint: "Families just can't survive on one income anymore."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Investing in East Germany

Regarding "The \$400 Cup: A Case History of a Failed East German Industry" (Feb. 6) by Mark Fisher:

Indeed, the German federal government is financing an enormous modernization of the infrastructure of Eastern Germany along the model that worked for the western part of Germany after World War II.

What Price Medical Care? In response to "What Price a Life? For 2 Friends, a Prison Sentence" (Jan. 9):

While sitting recently with a broken foot in a hospital emergency room, I felt grateful that I was in France covered by national health insurance rather than back home in the United States, where a bad accident can financially destroy the victim.

What does this mean? It means we have a choice. Living on one modest income is absolutely possible, especially if a couple plans for it from the beginning.

GENERAL NEWS

At Work for Gains That Are 'Unlikely'

By Caryle Murphy Washington Post Service CAIRO — On a typical working day, Amena Said, 80, sits at her desk scratching out a weekly magazine column in longhand.

my abilities," said Miss Abed Aly, 34, the engineer, who has held her government job for a dozen years. "I'm proving I have a life, a personality."

Egypt's prosecutor general, Ragaa Arabi, was asked how many women prosecutors were on his staff.

A Lax System Let Amazon Hero's Killers Escape

By James Brooke New York Times Service RIO DE JANEIRO — With the killers of Francisco (Chico) Mendes Filho having escaped from jail and apparently made it to Bolivia, the widow of Brazil's slain Amazon defender asserted that the authorities had ignored repeated warnings that jail security was heedless lax.

guard towers and no searchlights. "This incident comes as a surprise to no one," read a protest letter sent to the Brazilian president, Itamar Franco, by five American environmental groups, led by the Environmental Defense Fund.

But an international outcry forced Brazil to prosecute in the Mendes killing. The conviction in 1990 was hailed as a major step toward reducing lawlessness in the Amazon frontier.

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HEALTH/SCIENCE

Decoding the Strategies of Bacteria
New Method Gives Clues to Pivotal Disease Genes

By Gina Kolata
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In a finding that has electrified infectious-disease researchers, scientists at Harvard University have discovered a way to learn the genetic strategies that bacteria use to cause diseases.

The method, researchers say, could lead to antibiotics and vaccines that are precisely aimed at disease-causing genes. It could also allow investigators to discover genes that permit some people to resist illnesses while others succumb.

Dr. John J. Mekalanos, who with his colleagues at Harvard reported on the new technique recently in the journal Science, said in an interview that he had already found more than 50 so-called virulence genes with the method, applying it to bacteria that cause typhoid fever in mice.

The idea is to force bacteria to reveal a set of genes that they use only when they invade living animals or people. When the microorganisms are grown on petri dishes in the laboratory, these genes are inactive, which means that researchers have had a hard time finding them.

"This is the holy grail" for scientists trying to understand the molecular biology of bacterial infections, said Dr. Dale Spriggs, an infectious disease expert at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "It will have a tremendous impact. It will revolutionize the field."

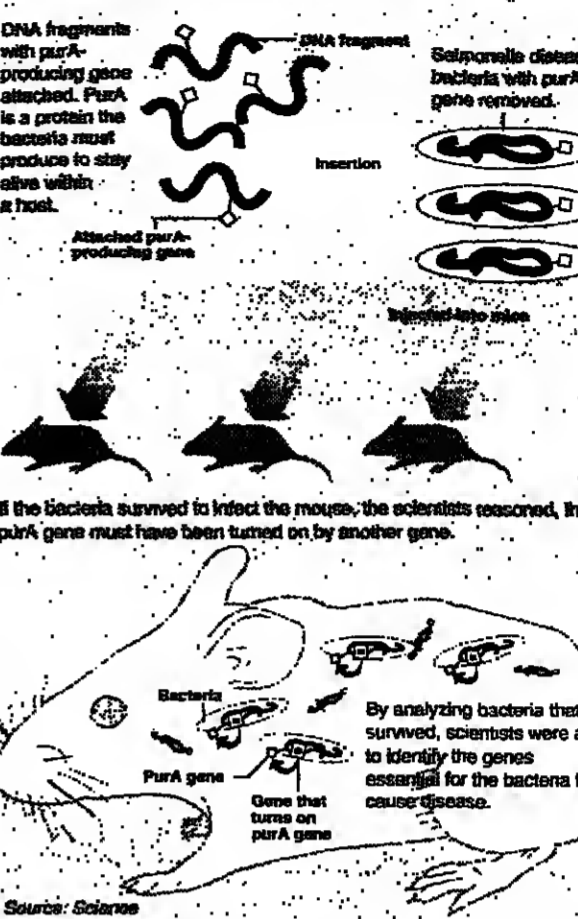
Dr. Staffan Normark, at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, an expert on the molecular basis of bacterial illnesses, was similarly enthusiastic. He said that the method was the first step in "a new era of understanding bacterial pathogenesis."

Dr. Mekalanos's method relies on the bacteria to tell him what genes they need to cause typhoid fever in mice. Essentially, he hooks a gene they need to survive to any of thousands of randomly selected bacterial genes. In this case, the gene they need is called *purA*. It allows bacteria to synthesize purines, which are building blocks for DNA, their genetic material. Dr. Mekalanos hooks the randomly chosen gene to *purA* and inserts the gene pair into bacteria that have no other *purA* gene and infects animals.

The randomly selected genes include those that are essential in causing disease, the "virulence genes," although there is no way of knowing which genes these are. The

Where to Look for Virulence Genes

By attaching genes necessary for a bacterium's survival to randomly selected genes that might be used in infectious invasions, scientists learn exactly where to look for the virulence genes.



Source: Science

ones that allow bacteria to make another class of DNA building blocks, the pyrimidines. This was a surprise, Dr. Mekalanos said, because scientists had assumed that there were plenty of pyrimidines present in animal tissues from the normal death and breakdown of host cells. Bacteria, they thought, would have no need to make their own pyrimidines. "It may be that we have evolved very clever mechanisms to withhold these building blocks from the bacteria," Dr. Mekalanos said.

ANOTHER virulence gene allows the bacteria to rearrange their DNA. In one case, this rearrangement lets the bacteria change one type of flagella, a whip-like appendage that the organisms use to swim, into another type of flagella. Another rearrangement allows bacteria to get rid of their pilli, the hairs that let them cling to the intestine, when they move from the intestine to the bloodstream. Dr. Mekalanos said that "it may be that as soon as the bacteria move into tissue, they know they have pilli and they know they don't want pilli." When the bacteria are outside the intestine, pilli make them stick to white blood cells that engulf and kill them.

Dr. Mekalanos said he was optimistic that the discovery of virulence genes would lead to new drugs and vaccines. "We think we will define key metabolic pathways that must be expressed in bacteria for them to be able to divide and multiply in their hosts," he said. "These pathways are potential targets for drugs. That's where the big payoff would be."

Dr. Normark said he envisioned another payoff. It should also be possible to look at how the same virulence genes act in genetically different strains of mice. This would be a first step toward understanding how genes in the host affect bacteria's ability to infect them.

"It can explain why one individual gets sick and another doesn't," he said. "That's one of the really exciting features." Dr. Stanley Falkow, a microbiologist at Stanford University, said that the new method reflected a new direction in research on bacterial pathogenesis. "We are increasingly attuned to the subtleties of interaction" between bacteria and their hosts, he said. "It's not just a matter of bacteria spewing out poison. The invasion has a kind of aggressive overtone." And the new method, he added, "is really going to open this up."



Moai statues dwarf a horse at Tongariki on Easter Island, where restoration work is under way.

A Turf War on Easter Island
Archaeologists at Odds on Restoration of Statues

By Nathaniel C. Nash
New York Times Service

HANGA ROA, Easter Island — In its time, Tongariki was the glory of Easter Island and its cult of ancestor worship. Overlooking a gentle bay on the south side of the island, it was the largest religious site in Polynesia. On its giant ahu, or temple platform, stood 15 immense stone statues, called moai, some weighing up to 70 tons. Hundreds came here to worship. They lived near the site and carved elaborate petroglyphs, or stone etchings, of giant tuna, sea turtles and birdmen.

But in the last 500 years, Tongariki has suffered two devastating events. Warring island tribes overran it in the late 16th century, toppling the giant statues and breaking off their heads. Then in 1960, a tidal wave shattered what remained, lifting the moai and scattering them as far as 300 feet (90 meters) from where they once stood. It is like a graveyard of stone giants. Most lie face down, in the shadow of the Rano Raraku volcano, from which all of the island's moai were carved.

But if a Japanese crane company has its way, along with Chilean archaeologists, Tongariki will re-emerge with much of its glory restored. True to the history of strife over the temple site, however, its future is clouded by a bitter dispute among archaeologists over control of the project. Last October, archaeologists began the first phases of restoring the site, a plan that will eventually include rebuilding the ahu, repairing the moai and applying space-age preservative to keep the stone from deteriorating, setting the statues back in place and reconstructing much of the living quarters around Tongariki.

The Tadano company of Tokyo, manufacturer of large cranes, donated a rig for the work, plus \$700,000. Experts say it is perhaps the largest restoration project to date in Polynesia, and will eventually require another \$1.5 million in funds. "Tongariki is the most important monument in Polynesia. The restoration will not only dignify the Easter Island but all of Polynesia," said Gonzalo Figueroa, one of Chile's most noted authorities on the island, who first sailed here with Thor Heyerdahl on the Kon-Tiki in 1955.

The dispute among archaeologists centers on who should manage the restoration project. Mr. Figueroa, one of three main advisers to the Chilean government on the project, has argued that the chief supervisor of the excavation should be an American archaeologist. Professor William S. Ayres of the University of Oregon, who has extensive experience on the Easter Island and in Polynesia.

Mr. Figueroa argues that ultimate responsibility for the excavated material should be given to someone who has written extensively on the subject, like Dr. Ayres, to assure that all findings from the excavation eventually are made available to the public. But the notion of having an American lead the work is opposed by the Department of Social Sciences of the University of Chile, which has given direction of the excavation to a Chilean archaeologist, Claudio Cristino, working as the director of the Easter Island Museum. Mr. Cristino argues that he has more experience on the island than any other

archaeologist, knows the local language and has conducted more extensive surveys of the island than Dr. Ayres. Dr. Ayres has withdrawn from the project. The University of Chile has selected Mario Orellana, chairman of the Social Science Department to oversee the project. Scientists say the first settlers arrived there in the fourth century from a more westerly Polynesian island, after the population grew too large and fighting broke out over control of resources and land.

Although carving began early, it reached its highest expression in the 14th and 15th centuries, with more than 1,000 statues eventually carved. But overpopulation and an ensuing struggle for resources caused widespread deforestation on the island, eventually leaving the land treeless and nearly barren. Water supplies and wildlife greatly diminished, plunging the islanders in a rush to grab the few remaining resources. Eventually, they relied on cannibalism to supply much of their need for protein, archaeologists say.

Scientists say almost overnight a society based on powerful ruling families came to a halt, turning into a society ruled by warriors that eventually became known for its Birdman cult. Islanders toppled the moai and tore down the ahus throughout the island. Although there are 300 ahus on Easter Island, and several have been restored, Tongariki is by far the most important, archaeologists say. Scientists estimate that if the stones are not protected, erosion along with tourism and vandalism could push the moai beyond recognition within 200 years.

Vasectomy: Prostate Risk?
Two Studies Suggest a Possible Link to Cancer

By Lawrence K. Altman
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Two new studies reported on Wednesday add to evidence that a vasectomy may increase a man's risk of developing prostate cancer. The findings are not definitive, but experts not directly involved in the studies call the studies scientifically well designed, adding that they underscore the need for further research to assess the possible hazards of this effective and widely used method of contraception.

The studies found that men who had a vasectomy more than 20 years earlier faced up to an 89 percent greater risk of prostate cancer than men who had not had a vasectomy. The studies also found that the more time that had passed since a vasectomy, the greater was the risk of developing prostate cancer. The studies, reported in The Journal of the American Medical Association, were largely financed by the National Institutes of Health. They were conducted by a team headed by Dr. Edward Giovannucci from the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard University in Boston.

Experts said the findings did not establish a cause and effect relationship, merely a statistical association that required further study. No plausible biological cause for the association is yet evident. The experts also noted that the studies might have been influenced by factors that could not be detected with the methods used, and that they conflicted with other studies that did not find a link between vasectomies and prostate cancer. Four previous studies found such a link, and three others found none.

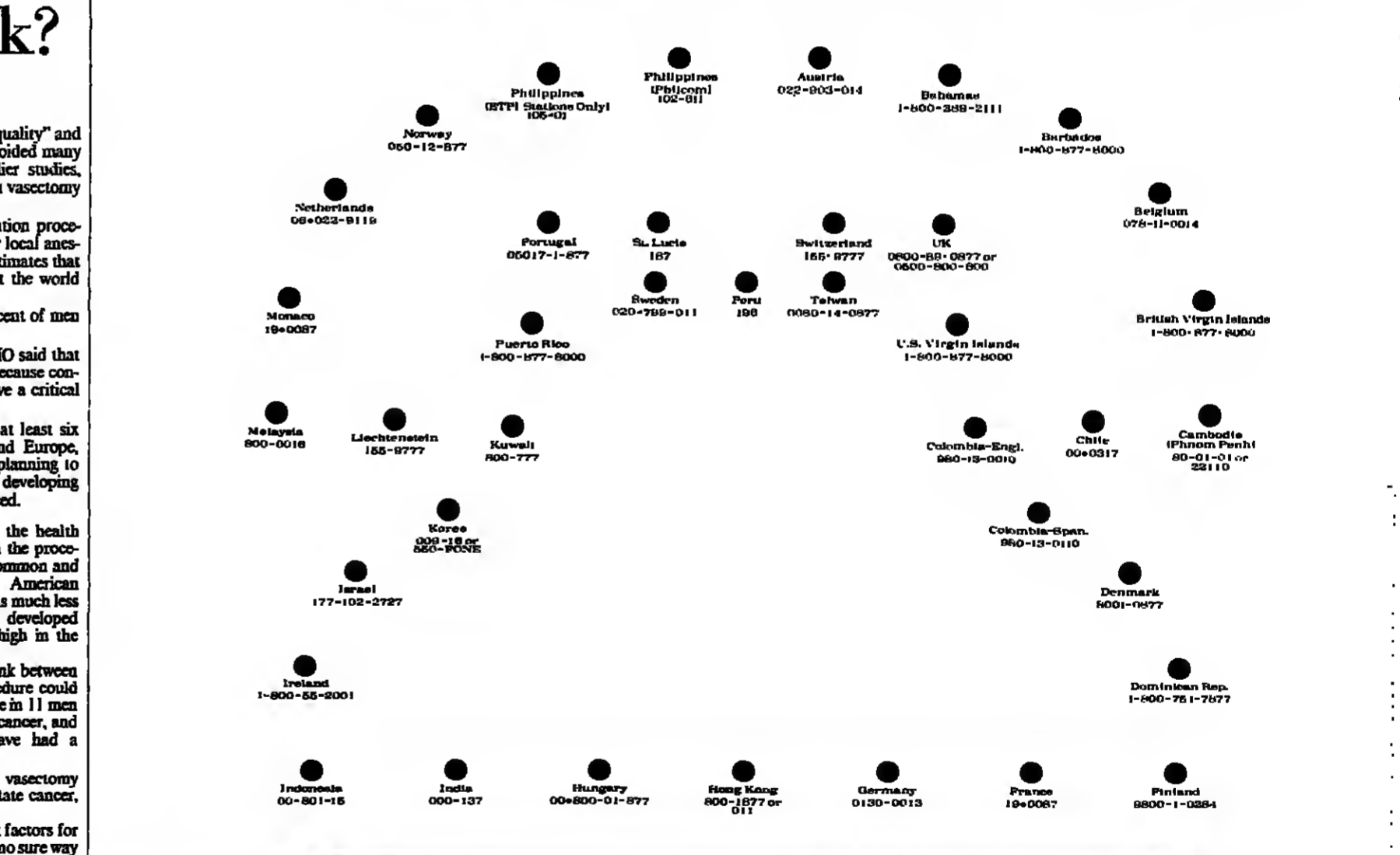
"The data are far too preliminary to consider vasectomy reversal to reduce the risk of prostate cancer," an editorial in the same issue of the journal said. The editorial urged men who have had a vasectomy to undergo annual checkups for prostate cancer, which is the recommendation made by the urological group and the American Cancer Society for men 50 to 70 years old. The World Health Organization said the studies

were not definitive but "of high scientific quality" and that the scientific design of the studies avoided many of the methodological problems of earlier studies, some of which did not find a link between vasectomy and prostate cancer. Vasectomy is a minor surgical sterilization procedure that can be performed quickly under local anesthesia. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 42 million couples throughout the world rely on vasectomy for family planning.

In the United States, more than 15 percent of men over the age of 40 have had a vasectomy. Experts in the United States and at WHO said that additional studies were urgently needed because confirmation of the latest findings would have a critical effect on family planning programs. Crucial information could come from at least six ongoing studies in the United States and Europe, WHO said. The agency also said it was planning to begin pilot studies later this year in four developing countries where vasectomies are widely used.

A MAJOR problem in assessing the health risks of vasectomy is that both the procedure and prostate cancer are common and have been increasing among American men. But the incidence of prostate cancer is much less frequent in developing countries than in developed countries. The incidence is 50 times as high in the United States as in China, for example. Even if future studies establish a firm link between vasectomy and prostate cancer, the procedure could not explain all cases of prostate cancer. One in 11 men in the United States will develop prostate cancer, and the overwhelming majority will not have had a vasectomy.

The unanswered question is whether vasectomy changes a man's odds of developing prostate cancer, and by how much. Critics said that because the precise risk factors for prostate cancer were not known, there was no sure way to be certain that the true factors were equally distributed in the studies between men who had undergone a vasectomy and those who had not.



IN BRIEF

Genetic Injection
NEW YORK (NYT) — Using a modified virus as a vehicle, scientists have been able to introduce new genetic material into the cells of an animal's brain. Scientists hope the technique will lead to treating such conditions as Parkinson's disease. In a study in the journal Science, researchers replaced the harmful genes in a virus with other selected genes and then inserted the modified virus into the nerve cells of rats.

'Old' Arteries
WASHINGTON (WP) — When pathologists performed autopsies on young American soldiers killed in the Korean War in the 1950s, they were astonished to find "old" arteries — arteries clogged by cholesterol — in a large number. Now, Johns Hopkins researchers have followed a group of men, starting in their 20s, for 40 years. They found men in their 20s with high cholesterol are most likely to develop heart disease and die from it.

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MARKET COMMENTARY

The market today was characterized by volatility, with significant price swings in several key sectors. Investors were particularly sensitive to news regarding the economy and corporate earnings. The overall mood was cautious, with many traders looking for entry points in undervalued stocks.

Key sectors showing movement include technology, which saw a sharp decline, and energy, which experienced a notable recovery. The industrial sector remained relatively flat, while the financial services industry showed signs of strength.

Analysts predict continued volatility in the coming weeks as the market digests the latest economic data and corporate reports. Investors are advised to maintain a diversified portfolio and stay informed on market developments.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Technology: Major tech companies reported mixed earnings, with some exceeding analyst expectations. However, concerns about slowing growth in the sector led to a sell-off in the market.

Energy: Crude oil prices fell, leading to a rally in energy stocks. Analysts attribute this to concerns about global demand and production levels.

Healthcare: Several pharmaceutical companies announced new drug approvals, boosting investor confidence in the sector.

Automotive: The industry faced challenges due to increased competition and fluctuating steel prices. However, some manufacturers reported improved sales figures.

COMMODITIES

Grains: Wheat and corn prices were volatile, influenced by weather forecasts and international trade agreements.

Metals: Precious metals like gold and silver saw price fluctuations, with gold maintaining its status as a safe-haven asset.

Oil: Brent and WTI prices moved in tandem, with a peak followed by a sharp decline. Analysts are watching for signs of a recovery.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Banking and insurance companies showed mixed performance. Some banks reported strong loan growth, while others faced challenges from increased regulatory costs.

Insurance: Life insurance companies saw a decline in new policy sales, while property and casualty insurers reported stable results.

Asset Management: Several firms reported strong fund inflows, indicating continued investor interest in professional fund management.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Europe: European markets were mixed, with the DAX index showing a slight gain. Economic data from Germany and France provided some support for the region.

Asia: Asian markets were generally stable, with the Nikkei and Hang Seng indices showing modest gains.

Emerging Markets: There was a shift in focus towards emerging market economies, with investors looking for growth opportunities in developing nations.

ANALYST OPINIONS

Several investment firms released reports, offering insights into market trends and investment opportunities. Analysts are positive about long-term growth prospects but caution against short-term volatility.

Research: New research indicates that technology will continue to be a key driver of economic growth, despite current market challenges.

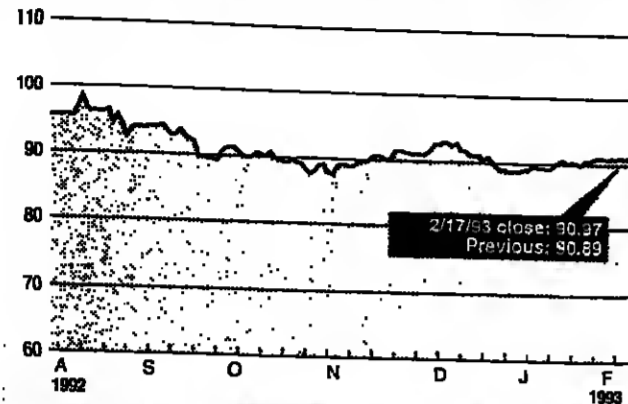
Forecast: The overall market outlook is cautious but optimistic. Investors are encouraged to stay invested and take advantage of market dips.

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The '90s Look Better for America

By Sylvia Nasar, New York Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK — The United States may be poised for faster economic growth during the 1990s than people have previously believed...

bankruptcies, corporate restructurings and white-collar layoffs will almost surely continue...

"We should realize just how long the gestation of technology is," said Claudia Goldin, an economic historian at Harvard.

now, economists say, in part because corporations are learning to take advantage of the \$1 trillion they invested in the last decade...

Among those who believe that this is a possibility is the customarily cautious Mr. Greenspan...

Housing Setback Deals a Blow to U.S. Recovery

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

WASHINGTON — Housing construction, one of the industries leading the U.S. economy out of the doldrums...

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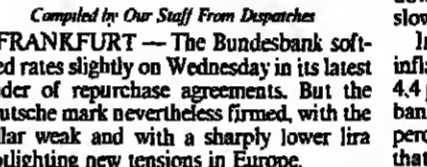
Weak Pound Aids British Revival

LONDON — British retail sales rose 1.6 percent in January, government data showed Wednesday...

Small Rate Easing Fails to Dent DM

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank softened rates slightly on Wednesday in its latest tender of repurchase agreements...

U.S. Housing Starts



Monthly private housing starts in millions of units

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Taking Pulses and Profits As Casio Explores a Niche

By Tak Kumakura, Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO — Last year, top executives at Casio Computer Co. gazed into the bloodshot eyes of Japan's stressed-out salaried employees...

With health awareness growing, the company introduced a new watch that tracked blood pressure...

Casio is trying to shed its image as a maker of cheap timepieces, said Ken Segawa, an analyst at Lehman Brothers.

Getting there will not be easy. The economic downturn has hurt the company's earnings...

Still, Casio thinks it can leverage its expertise with watches and computers into new areas...

"Our experience of making calculators fits right into the downsizing trend in the computer industry," said a Casio spokesman...

EC Says It Won't Stall Single-Currency Goal

BRUSSELS — A top EC official on Wednesday sought to quell suggestions that the European Community was backing off from its target for a single currency...

On Monday, EC finance ministers called on member countries to produce new plans through 1996 to prepare themselves for economic and monetary union.

The request for new plans, coupled with worries that weak economic growth was hampering convergence on economic conditions among EC countries...

The decision to ask for new convergence plans through 1996 was purely a technical move and "should not be taken as a decision to delay the convergence programs," said Henning Christophersen...

Mr. Christophersen said only Denmark, France and Luxembourg met the Maastricht criteria today, and that Britain — which did three years ago but now did not — had said it was contemplating presenting its own convergence program.

Mexico, Under Pressure, Abandons Fund

MEXICO CITY — Under sharp pressure from the United States, Mexican officials said Wednesday that their government development bank would withdraw from a private investment fund set up to buy American companies...

The announcement came almost immediately after the U.S. Trade Representative, Mickey Kantor, told his Mexican counterpart that he would not begin new negotiations on the North American Free Trade Agreement until Mexico had resolved the issue of its role in the fund.

"I indicated that it would not be productive to begin these talks until we addressed an issue that was potentially explosive," Mr. Kantor told reporters in Washington after his first meeting with Mexico's Foreign Trade Secretary, Jaime Serra Puche.

Mr. Kantor said he had asked merely for a "clarification" of Mexico's participation in the fund. But he made it clear that when Mr. Serra telephoned him less than an hour after their meeting ended to tell him of the withdrawal, he got what he wanted.

and effectively," Mr. Kantor said, "and I was very impressed and pleased with the results."

Opponents of the trade agreement had seized on the little-known investment fund as hard evidence that Mexico intended to use its relatively cheap labor to steal American manufacturing jobs.

Even without the trade agreement, Mexicans may already buy American companies in many industries and legally move them to Mexico, while Americans can buy Mexican companies in some industries and move them to the United States.

A prospectus for the fund, a limited partnership based in Delaware and called the AmeriMex Maquiladora Fund LP, said it would try to raise as much as \$50 million to buy between 9 and 13 small and medium-sized American companies. The fund would then move the

companies to Mexico to take advantage of lower wages there.

The governments of Mexico, Canada and the United States all understand that the trade accord will encourage manufacturers to move their operations where they can produce more efficiently; that is an essential part of the idea.

Just what Mexico, Canada and the United States might agree to along those lines remains unclear, particularly to the Mexican government. For instance, although it is expected that Mexico, in particular, will commit to greater public spending and stricter standards for labor and environmental protection...

The question of enforcement aside, Mr. Serra's hurried response to Mr. Kantor suggested that Mexico might make significant concessions in order to ensure the trade agreement's approval by the United States Congress. Its ratification by the Mexican senate is assured, because the legislature is dominated by the ruling party.

As negotiated, the agreement is to take effect on Jan. 1, 1994.

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Table of currency exchange rates and interest rates for various countries and currencies.

Eurocurrency Deposits

Table of Eurocurrency deposit rates for different currencies and terms.

Taiwan Airline to Ground 2 New MD-11 Jumbo Jets

TAIPEI — Bowing to public pressure, China Airlines of Taiwan will ground two new McDonnell Douglas MD-11 jumbo jetliners that have been plagued by minor engine and electrical problems...

Officials of the airline, Taiwan's flag carrier, said its president, Peter Pien, ordered the planes grounded after overseas flights, to allow technicians from McDonnell Douglas and Pratt & Whitney, the engine manufacturer, to check them.

Key Money Rates

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Yen and Mark Rise As Dollar Falts

Completed by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The Deutsche mark advanced on Wednesday...

for improving business conditions, he said, was better than in Japan. Meanwhile, the dollar's direction was uncertain after steep falls on Tuesday...

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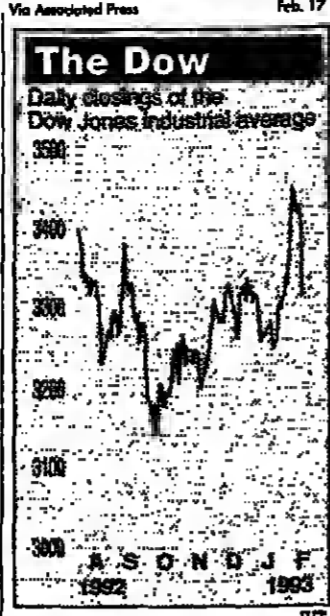
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N.Y. Stocks

after rising 6.7 percent in December to 1.20 million. The decline in permits would not suggest as drastic a decline in starts as 7.2 percent, said Marilyn Schjaja, an economist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

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TWA Files Reorganization Proposal

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (Reuters) — Trans World Airlines said Wednesday it had joined with its official unsecured creditors' committee to file a proposed plan of reorganization for the company in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware.

Parretti and Packer Vying for MGM?

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Reports of buyers for MGM-Pathe Communications surfaced on opposite sides of the world Wednesday, one involving Kerry Packer of Australia, another naming Giancarlo Parretti, who won and lost the movie studio in deals with its current owner, Credit Lyonnais.

Hewlett Profit Falls as Orders Rise

PALO ALTO, California (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. said Wednesday that its earnings had fallen 13 percent in its financial first quarter, even as revenue and orders rose.

B.F. Goodrich to Spin Off Vinyl Unit

AKRON, Ohio (Bloomberg) — B.F. Goodrich Co. said Wednesday it was filing a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell about half the common stock of its Geon vinyl division, which Goodrich plans to establish as a separate company as of March 1.

United to Sell Flight Kitchens

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines put its 17 flight kitchens up for sale Wednesday, a move that would cut another 5,800 workers from the airline's payroll.

OPEC Fails to Buy Oil Price

LONDON — Oil prices fell steadily on Wednesday amid market doubts about the effectiveness of an OPEC output agreement concluded in Vienna on Tuesday.

Waiting for Clinton

Prices closed mixed on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday as investors focused on the prospect of spending cuts in President Bill Clinton's State of the Union address late in the evening.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table of world stock markets including Amsterdam, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Milan, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Zurich, and others.

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Air France to Get Infusion From State-Owned Concern

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS — In the third major deal this week involving a state-owned company, Air France said Wednesday that it would get a cash injection of 1.5 billion francs (\$267 million) from Caisse des Depots & Consignations...

Ukraine Faces Oil Cutbacks

MOSCOW — Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin said Wednesday that Moscow would be unable to fully meet its commitments to supply oil to Ukraine this year due to falling output...

EC Offers Little Solace For Big Steel-Sector Cut

BRUSSELS — The EC Commission offered Wednesday to shoulder what seems to be a lower-than-expected amount of the costs of a drastic cutback in European steel capacity in exchange for a sharper downgrading of the industry than it previously suggested...

Investor's Europe table with charts for Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100, and Paris CAC 40. Includes exchange rates and percentage changes.

Jaguar, Seeking Return to Profit, Plans Sporty New Compact by 1998

REUTERS BLARRITZ, France — Jaguar Cars Ltd. plans to unleash a compact, sporty sedan by 1998 to compete with full-line, large-volume manufacturers and ensure a return to profitability...

Jaguar currently offers two luxury models, the X16 sedan and its sportier sister, the XJS. They compete mainly with the Mercedes 200, 300 and S series, and with BMW's 3 and 7 series.

Audi to Trim 4,000 Jobs While Reducing Output

EICHSTAETT, Germany — Audi AG is planning to reduce production by up to 15 percent this year while cutting 4,000 jobs. The management board chairman, Franz-Josef Kortuem, told reporters late on Tuesday that production at the carmaker, a unit of Volkswagen AG, had probably reached its peak last year, when 492,100 cars were made, up from 450,319 in 1991...

He also said Audi's pretax profit margin fell last year and would decline further in 1993. Mr. Kortuem said the 1992 profit margin was below the goal of 6.5 percent, despite the "still good operating earnings."

Governments to Give Cash to DAF

AMSTERDAM — The troubled truckmaker DAF NV won a crucial cash injection from the Belgian and Dutch governments on Wednesday, but long-term finance from banks needed to fund a new summer DAF has still not been agreed on.

end for a new, smaller DAF but has not reached any decision yet, an ABN-AMRO spokesman said. A senior British banker close to the negotiations said that talks between the company and its banks were being held at DAF's Eindhoven headquarters on Wednesday and a decision may be made on Thursday when the banks gather in Amsterdam.

Very briefly:

- The German government approved a reform package to transform the state railways into a joint-stock company run along commercial lines by 1994 with the intention of privatizing the rails after 2002. British Airways PLC's takeover of Dan-Air was approved by the EC Commission, which ruled that BA would not dominate London-Brussels traffic.

SkopBank Needs More Aid

HELSINKI — SkopBank reported on Wednesday a 1992 pretax loss of 3.61 billion markkaa (5614 million) and said it would need additional support of around 1.5 billion markkaa in 1993. The bank is controlled by the Government Guarantee Fund, after being transferred from the Bank of Finland, which took it over in 1991, when the bank had a deficit of 4.91 billion markkaa.

NYSE

NYSE Wednesday's Closing tables showing various stock indices and company prices.

Market data section including NYSE Highs-Lows, AMEX Highs-Lows, and NYSE Highs-Lows for various sectors.

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Wednesday's Closing

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

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Wednesday's Prices

NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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First City's Woes Rattle Thai Markets

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BANGKOK — The Thai stock market was unable to recover Wednesday from a wave of early selling over the announcement that First City Investment Co. had been forced to close...

Seoul Sees Danger In U.S. Tariffs

SEOUL — South Korea's semiconductor industry warned Wednesday that punitive U.S. tariffs against Korean chips would revive a Japanese monopoly of the American semiconductor market...

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Toyota Motor Thailand, the country's largest carmaker, said Wednesday it would invest 9 billion baht over the next four years for new assembly and training facilities...

A Bitter Pill for Seoul Stocks

SEOUL — South Koreans have been increasingly vocal in seeking reforms of their financial system, but the appointment of a liberal as the incoming president's chief economic adviser gave the stock market a jolt Wednesday...

China Opens Oil Reserves To Foreigners

BEIJING — China opened parts of its most closely guarded oil reserves to foreign exploration on Wednesday in the hope that overseas expertise will get crude flowing...

Tokyo Bond Yields Heading Down

TOKYO — Japanese government bond yields are expected to decline steadily as investors pour out of safe places to invest in a market that is expected to be a cash bonanza...

Investor's Asia table with line graphs for Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo indices. Includes columns for Exchange, Index, and % Change.

Very briefly: Mitsukoshi Ltd. is to close two core department stores in Tokyo and Osaka 30 minutes earlier each day...

Large table titled 'INTERNATIONAL FUNDS' with columns for fund names, currencies, and values. Includes sub-sections like 'EUROPEAN FUNDS', 'AMERICAN FUNDS', etc.

SPORTS



Jean-Pierre Papin, flying in Tel Aviv, forced Israeli goalkeeper Benny Ginsburg to make two brilliant saves before Eric Cantona put France ahead in the 26th minute.

Striker Platt Gets 4 Goals As England Wins by 6-0

Platt's first two goals gave England a 2-0 halftime lead at Wembley. He then scored the third in the 67th minute and the fifth seven minutes from the end. The chance to get his fifth, and tie the game for a match, came in the last few seconds, when Loris Zaneotti brought down Tony Dorigo. But goalkeeper Pier Luigi Benedettini guessed correctly and dove to his left to block Platt's well-hit penalty.

Whitbread Yachts: The Race Has Begun, to Merger

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service NEW YORK — A race boat's nationality is usually marked by the flag it flies. But in this year's Whitbread Round the World Race, mergers of every sort are shaping campaigns into multinational alliances.

Fazio's designer, Vladimir Murnikov of Russia, has established a design firm, M-Yachts, in Westport, Massachusetts. The boat he is creating, an 82-foot maxi-yacht, is being built near Moscow.

Bill Trenkle, a Conner associate, disagrees. He said that both he and Conner and a few other American crewmen will sail in various legs of the race. The core crew of the boat was chosen for its Whitbread expertise.

Gascoigne-Lineker Match Slated for Japan in May

TOKYO — Former England and Tottenham Hotspur teammates Paul Gascoigne and Gary Lineker will face off in Japan in May, two weeks before the debut of the country's new professional league, a league spokesman said Wednesday.

Japanese Paddles In From Hawaii

TOKYO — Veteran yachtsman Kenichi Horie arrived Wednesday on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa aboard his 7.9-meter (26-foot) long plastic boat, having paddled it 7,500 kilometers (4,500 miles) from Honolulu.

SIDELINES

Belcher Signs With Angry Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pitcher Tim Belcher agreed to a one-year, \$3.75 million contract Wednesday with the Cincinnati Reds, avoiding an arbitration hearing scheduled for Thursday morning.

For the Record

Prime Minister John Major said his government has pledged £75 million (\$109 million) to Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Olympic Games, and would guarantee that all facilities are built, partly by private financing and partly by public funding.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for NBA Standings, Eastern Conference, Central Division, Western Conference, and Major College Scores.

HOCKEY

Table with columns for NHL Standings, Wales Conference, Spanish Cup, and Campbells Conference.

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ART BUCHWALD

Frequent-Flier Suicide

WASHINGTON — Every time you see an aviation executive on television, he's crying poverty. All the airlines are losing money and nobody knows why.



Buchwald

I do. Just this morning I received my latest frequent-flier accounting statement. For taking three flights to Newark I was entitled to five free trips around the world or one business-class seat on the next space shuttle from Cape Canaveral.

Apparently, there's nothing you do today that does not entitle you to a free airline ticket. When I opened the frequent-flier envelope, all sorts of colored coupons fell out informing me how I could build up airline mileage. If I used Purina dog food it would go into the computer. If I stayed in a hotel I would get points for just sleeping there. If I used any microwave to heat up a can of chicken soup I could get a round-trip ticket to visit Aunt Milly in Hawaii.

The airlines seem to be the only industry that gives away the very commodity they're supposed to be selling.

Jay McKenzie, the marketing director for Southern Freemie Airlines, is very proud of his company's free mileage policy.

"Frequent-flier mileage is our way of saying thank you to all the people who take our airline — or are thinking of taking our airline in the future."

I said, "I can understand you rewarding those who fly your airline, but it doesn't make much sense to give away free trips to people who jog in Central Park."

"The airline wants to attract many people who ordinarily don't fly — teenage baby sitters, green card holders, people to state prisons," Jay told me. "To do this we must persuade them that there is something in it for them. If we can provide an Orkin man and his wife with a free trip to Acapulco, we consider that we've done a good merchandising job."

"Don't all these trips cut down on your cash flow?" I asked. Jay replied, "Admittedly, we could benefit from more profits, but once you go down the frequent-flier glide path, it's hard to turn back. The competition is always breathing down your neck. We heard that TWA is offering 20,000 miles if you watch 14 hours of basketball a week. Obviously we have to top that if we're going to stay in business."

"How do you plan to do it?" "We're working out a deal with the iceberg lettuce people. Every time you buy a head of lettuce we'll credit you with 2,500 miles."

"If you're handing out free mileage for everyone, what are you using for money to keep your planes flying?"

"We're giving our mechanics 25,000 free bonus miles for every plane they fix correctly. They love the incentive and will work late into the night to earn enough to get them to Europe."

"Dare I inquire how the stockholders are doing with all the free rides?"

Jay said, "Not bad. We give them a 4,400-mile bonus for every point that the stock goes down."

"Nobody loses according to your marketing campaign."

"Aviation is something that requires special selling. If a guy knows he can stay in a bed-and-breakfast hotel and get frequent-flier miles, he's going to sleep better. If he buys a set of golf clubs and gets a ticket to Argentina, he is ahead of the game. The next time he wants to fly somewhere, he'll take Southern Freemie Airlines."

Jay handed me a certificate. "What is this?" "We're crediting you with 14,000 miles for wearing a blue shirt."

Singing the Blues, in More Ways Than One

By Richard Harrington

WASHINGTON — "I hope I lose these blues as I get a little older, so blues get off my shoulder." Thirty-six years older than when he first recorded "Blues Get Off My Shoulder," Bobby Parker is still trying to lose the blues. Tonight he's playing in a small neighborhood bar in Takoma Park, a gig that will pay a few hundred bucks.

The guitarist turns the tiny stage into a ring, punching out furious single-string notes. His tenor voice is both gritty and sweet. Parker displays the veteran showman's gift for filling any space, no matter how small, and folks soon abandon their conversations to eke toward the stage. Parker rolls through "It's Hard but It's Fair" and "I Call Her Baby." When the show ends, he steps hurriedly into the street, where he paces anxiously, awaiting the next set, the next round. Bobby Parker — after 30 years of living hand-to-mouth, driving a truck, getting ripped off by other musicians, years of singing other people's songs in low-life clubs — is fighting for the success that should have been his a long time ago.

Parker's new album, "Bent Out of Shape," is his first, coming after three decades of obscurity and neglect. Louisiana-born, Los Angeles-based, Bobby Parker has been a Washington institution since 1961, when he abandoned the fabled Chitlin Circuit after a stopover at the old Howard Theatre. Since then he's mostly worked out of the spotlight in a succession of small nightclubs, lounges and military bases.

"If nobody knew anything about his past, they could still sense the authority in his singing and playing, a sound that sets him apart as being one of the greater blues artists out there," says the producer Hammond Scott, who signed Parker to Black Top last fall.

You won't find Bobby Parker's name in any music book, but you will find him mentioned in the liner notes of the Beatles' boxed "Masterworks" under the song "Day Tripper": "Written by John around a guitar riff in 'Watch Your Step,' an obscure rhythm and blues tune by Bobby Parker that he had admired."

The British guitarist Robin Trower admired the song too. A well-known Jimi Hendrix disciple, Trower told Guitar Player magazine in 1980 that "the best stuff I've ever heard is... on a record called 'Watch Your Step' by a bloke named Bobby Parker." Trower liked it so much he nicked it for Procol Harum's "Whiskey Train." Until recently, you couldn't find Bobby Parker in the record store either, unless you found a collector's store that had copies of two Parker singles, unavail-



Bobby Parker's new album comes after three decades of obscurity and neglect.

able since the early '60s. But you could hear Parker's "Watch Your Step" on "Led Zeppelin III." The song "Moby Dick" is a guitar-for-note ripoff (credited to drummer John Bonham and bassist John Paul Jones). Or you could bump up Stevie Winwood's honest version, recorded with the Spencer Davis Group in 1966.

Part of the problem, Parker admits decades too late, is that "I didn't do my homework when it came to protections. We just cut songs. And all of 'em got away from me." There is a measure of self-sabotage in his story, but Parker declines any responsibility for his failures, suggesting that if he didn't have bad luck, he might not have any luck at all.

In many ways, time seems to have stood still for Parker these 30 years. Slight, red-thin, always immaculately coiffed, Parker wears a '60s-style shellacked hairdo. He favors pointy boots and leather suits. The mustache and goatee look drawn on. Parker hardly looks his age, which is prob-

ably mid-50s. The hair is so spectacular that it has created a running joke among his peers. They attribute Parker Standard Time — he arrives two hours late for rehearsals, doesn't bother showing up for interviews — to obsessive hair care.

"I don't care what they think," Parker responds, a tad testily. He is in the basement of his town house in Clinton, Maryland, where he's built a studio. It is crammed with recording equipment, hair products and mirrors, including one motorcycle-style mirror attached to a stool that allows Parker a view of the back of his pompadour. It's like something you'd expect of James Brown, even though Parker grins his teeth every time he hears the obvious comparison. Like Brown, Parker has ego to burn; unlike Brown, he has almost nothing to show for it. Not yet, anyway.

Like the album, the new Bobby Parker Band is part of a reclamation project that

has enveloped its subject off and on for close to a quarter of a century. Bobby Parker has seemed indifferent to the pull of fame. And yet, once upon a time, some folks thought Bobby Parker might become another Jimi Hendrix. That was in 1969, when Fleetwood Mac invited Parker to England, where he was already familiar to the white blues mafia, which included Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton and John Mayall. They knew Parker from his 1958 Vee Jay single, "Blues Get Off My Shoulder" and the 1961 V-Tone single, "Watch Your Step." British musicians in the '60s were avid collectors of obscure R&B and blues singles.

"It was a great experience," says Parker of his long-ago squoorn, "but they wanted me to act like Hendrix and I was a traditional bluesman. It was a disappointment that everybody was channeled that way and not perceptive to other things."

Unfortunately, Parker had little control over his guitar riffs, particularly the one in "Watch Your Step." It wasn't long before Parker heard it again, barely disguised in the British Walkers' local hit, "Watch Yourself," then in his pal Link Wray's "Black Widow" and, most notably, in Led Zeppelin's "Moby Dick."

"I felt ripped off," he concedes. "A lot of people were playing that lick on different songs. Jimmy Page once told me, 'We really did like that song — that riff opened up a lot of avenues.'"

Unfortunately, it didn't open them for Bobby Parker. He got no royalties from V-Tone and none from the pirated version by Led Zeppelin. Parker has never sued anyone for copyright infringement of "Watch Your Step," but even if he did, he doesn't own most of the song anymore. He sold 75 percent of his rights in the early '70s to New York publisher Ivan Mogull for \$1,000.

Today, what Parker wants most is to impress his family back in California. "The family hated me, they hate me today," he says flatly. "It was always 'He ain't going to do nothing.' Now I want to regain my self-respect with my people out there. Other than my lady here, I really don't have no family and it bugs me." (Parker, who never married or had children, has shared his town house with a companion for the past several years.) Parker knows the costs of his checkered career — "it kept me from staying in school, led to a split with my family" — but he's slow to regret. "I love the blues," he says. "I would play for nothing if I had to. But there's better times ahead. I hope so, man; I really do." "I don't want to be disappointed no more," he adds, with a bittersweet laugh. "It's too late in my life, you know what I mean?"

PEOPLE

Oscars: 'Unforgiven,' 'Howards End' Lead

"Howards End," the lush English drama about love transcending class lines, and Clint Eastwood's revisionist Western "Unforgiven" lead the Academy Award nominations with nine apiece. They were nominated for best picture, as were "The Crying Game," "A Few Good Men" and "Scent of a Woman." Nominated for best actor were Eastwood, Al Pacino for "Scent of a Woman," Stephen Rea, "The Crying Game," Denzel Washington, "Malcolm X," and Robert Downey Jr., "Chaplin." Best actress selections: Emma Thompson for "Howards End," Michelle Pfeiffer, "Love Field," Mary McDonnell, "Passion Fish," and Catherine Deneuve, "Indochine." Eastwood named a select group nominated for acting and directing in the same year. Other directing selections were James Ivory for "Watch Your Step," Robert Altman for "The Player," Neil Jordan for "The Crying Game," and Martin Brest for "Scent of a Woman." In addition to picture, director, supporting and lead actress, "Howards End" was nominated for art direction, cinematography, costume design, original score and adapted screenplay. "Unforgiven" was also nominated for art direction, cinematography, editing, sound and original screenplay. Foreign language nominees were Russia's "Close to Eden," Belgium's "Daens," France's "Indochine," Uruguay's "A Place in the World" and Germany's "Sobotta." The awards will be presented March 29.

Charles W. Colson, 61, the White House "hatchet man" who went to jail in the Nixon Watergate scandal and later built a ministry for inmates, won the \$1 million Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. The award will be given May 12 at Buckingham Palace in London.

TV-Movie, a German magazine, says it has nude photographs of Princess Diana but in tends to return them. A magazine spokesman said the photos were believed to have been taken in the early '80s at a private home in Britain.

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Exhibition of Rodin Is Opened in Beijing

BEIJING — Chinese lined up in the cold for the opening at the China Art Gallery of an exhibition of Rodin's works.

There have been only a few exhibitions in China of Western artists in the past decade. The month-long exhibit will also go to Shanghai.

WEATHER

Weather forecast for Friday through Sunday. Includes maps for North America, Europe, Asia, Middle East, and Latin America, along with temperature and precipitation data for various regions.

Table with weather data for various cities including Beijing, Hong Kong, New York, London, etc., showing high/low temperatures and precipitation chances.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle from Feb. 17.

BOOKS

THE RULES OF SEDUCTION By Daniel L. Magida. 422 pages. \$21.95. Houghton Mifflin. Reviewed by Lawrence S. Dietz

man's coming of age, at the strange contemporary intersection of old money and New York ennui (the world of downtown nightclubs, cocaine and casual bisexuality), that it is not unlike O'Hara. I mean that to be a serious compliment.

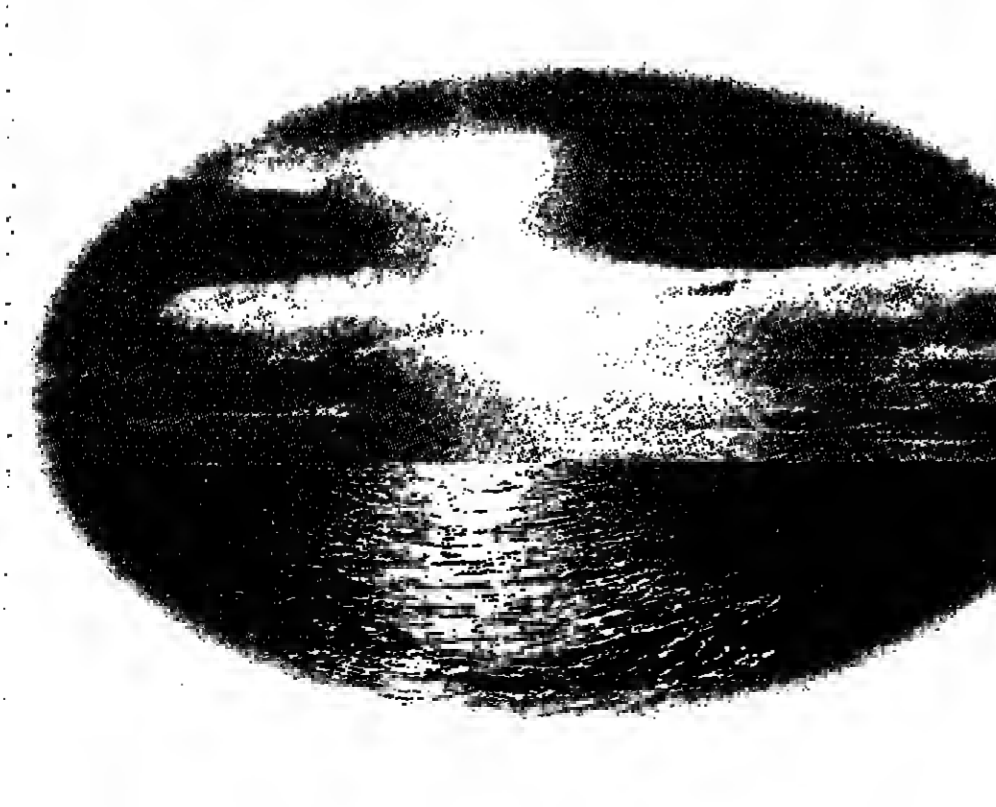
fact make good neighbors." It was a childhood world of genteel privilege, of proper schools, dancing classes, and most of all, a sense of societal place. And all WASP.

Switzerland when Newland's birthday rolls around. He reluctantly celebrates with friends in a club, alternating glasses of Wild Turkey and lines of cocaine in the men's room. Disgusted with himself, he flees. After he passes out, Timothy, one of his friends, takes him to a vacation house in northwestern Connecticut.

By Alan Truscott ON the diagrammed deal from a major British event, South was headed for catastrophe. He could not open one no-trump because the British style was to use that bid as weak with no vulnerable.

would pay him to lead another suit and wait for a heart lead from his partner. When he led the spade nine, a perfectly reasonable choice, it was a revelation to South. West, he decided, must have a six-card heart suit that was not solid, and East therefore held a singleton honor.

suddenly dead. His partner had to win with the queen, and South had little trouble making his doubled contract with an overtrick.



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